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Governor Baker to Visit Polar Beverages to Discuss Energy Legislation

Company's largest annual expense is meeting energy needs

BOSTON – Tomorrow, Governor Charlie Baker will visit and tour Massachusetts-based Polar Beverages with President and CEO Ralph Crowley, Jr. to discuss the administration's efforts to diversify Massachusetts' clean energy portfolio and meet our growing demand for affordable energy through the procurement of cost-effective hydropower and other renewable energy resources.

Located in Worcester, Polar Beverages' is a fourth-generation, Massachusetts family-owned business and the largest independent soft-drink bottler in the nation, whose largest expense each year is energy costs.

The Baker-Polito Administration has been working to stabilize and reduce the cost of energy for residents and businesses, strengthen the clean energy economy in Massachusetts and help meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements set forth under the Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA). Through the filing of hydropower legislation, the administration seeks to diversify Massachusetts' energy portfolio and encourage the development of renewable energy resources.

Recently-released legislation by the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, includes proposals from the Baker-Polito Administration requiring utilities solicit long-term, 15-20 year contracts for the purchase of up to

1,200 megawatts of hydropower.

Thursday, May 26, 2016:

Who: Governor Charlie Baker and Polar President and CEO Ralph Crowley, Jr.

What: Visit and Tour of Polar Beverages; Discussion of Energy Legislation

When: 1:30 PM

Where: Polar Beverages, 1001 Southbridge Street, Worcester MA 01610

Press: Open

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